

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Theatre Company Presents Meth-Prevention Message in North Dakota Schools**

BISMARCK, N.D. – Local public health units across the state are coordinating a CLIMB Theatre tour of methamphetamine-prevention performances in four North Dakota schools this week.

CLIMB Theatre is a nonprofit, traveling children's theatre company from Minnesota. The presentation, titled "Shattered," features a popular high school student who makes a choice to take methamphetamine and, as a result, changes the course of her life. The presentation is targeted to seventh- through 12<sup>th</sup>-grade students and consists of one performance and 40-minute follow-up classes with each grade level. The follow-up classes allow the students to process the information presented during the play and to have students' questions addressed. Follow-up activities also are provided to teachers for implementation in their classes.

Local public health units and communities across the state have recognized the increasing problems associated with methamphetamine use. The victims of the methamphetamine epidemic present many unique challenges and have had a dramatic effect on schools, families and the state. Prevention and education efforts are important strategies to address the impact of this dangerous drug.

CLIMB Theatre is presenting "Shattered" at the following North Dakota schools:

- Rolette Public School – May 1, 2006
- Center-Stanton High School – May 2, 2006
- Max Public School – May 3, 2006
- Harvey Public School – May 4, 2006

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North Dakota schools interested in hosting CLIMB Theatre's methamphetamine presentation during the 2006 – 2007 school year are encouraged to call Kelly Nagel, North Dakota Department of Health, at 701.252.8130.

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